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[Redacted] Chief  
Okinawa Bureau, FBIS

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Dear Bill:

Ref: 14 Nov Ltr on Bureau  
Automated Financial System

Enclosed is material from B&F and CRW responding to your 14 November enquiry about your automated financial system. B&F comments, unfortunately, are not very useful because nobody in B&F is familiar with Lotus 1-2-3 applications, having lost Cindy several months before. [Redacted] has had no problems with Okinawa's financial reporting and his only caution is that the bureau ensure it have on hand legitimizing documentation for its obligations, etc. A trip by him to Okinawa to view the system would, in my opinion, be a waste of money and effort. This is especially true this year as we are definitely beginning to feel the impact of Gramm-Rudman-Hollings and travel is being kept to a bare minimum.

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CRW's comments are not as positive as B&F's and they do not recommend use of this program in other bureaus. An improved FSR application, based on your software, will be pouched to the field in February if all goes well. If you want further comments on your questions we can arrange a meeting with the appropriate CRW personnel during the Bureau Chiefs Conference. Further talks with B&F will not give you much information other than what [Redacted] has given me in his enclosed comments.

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Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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Enclosures